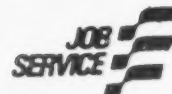




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LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

	PRELIMINARY OCTOBER 1986				REVISED SEPTEMBER 1986				REVISED OCTOBER 1985			
(in thousands)	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
LOUISIANA	1,989.6	1,733.4	256.2	12.9	1,998.5	1,746.0	252.5	12.6	2,012.9	1,786.4	226.5	11.3
LABOR MARKET AREAS:												
Alexandria 1/	60.3	54.1	6.2	10.3	60.0	54.2	5.8	9.7	58.9	53.2	5.7	9.7
Baton Rouge 2/	261.9	234.8	27.1	10.3	261.3	234.7	26.6	10.2	260.8	233.0	27.8	10.7
Beuma - Thibodaux 3/	76.3	62.0	14.3	18.8	76.1	62.0	14.1	18.5	79.5	70.5	9.0	11.3
Lafayette 4/	105.5	89.3	16.2	15.4	107.3	91.3	16.0	14.9	112.3	101.7	10.6	9.4
Lake Charles 5/	72.6	62.5	10.1	13.9	72.5	62.1	10.4	14.3	75.6	65.0	10.6	14.0
Monroe 6/	69.0	62.0	7.0	10.1	69.2	62.7	6.5	9.4	68.9	62.4	6.5	9.5
New Orleans 7/	596.2	531.2	65.0	10.9	596.7	531.8	64.9	10.9	610.9	545.5	65.4	10.7
Shreveport 8/	163.9	144.8	19.1	11.6	165.6	146.9	18.7	11.3	172.0	155.5	16.5	9.6

Parishes included in above Labor Market Areas are listed at the end of the Employment and Payroll Trends narrative.

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in Louisiana was estimated at 1,520,300 for October, an increase of 2,500 from September's level, but 88,700 lower than October a year ago. Gains in government and trade employment were largely responsible for the increase in nonmanufacturing. In the manufacturing sector, non-durable goods payrolls were higher for October.

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During October, total employment in the durable goods segment of manufacturing decreased by 800 workers. A decrease in the transportation equipment industry was largely responsible for the drop in durable goods.

Total nondurable goods employment for October, at 96,000, was up by 1,800 over the September level, but a drop of 1,500 workers from the year-ago figure. A seasonal increase in food and kindred products payrolls accounted for the upturn in nondurable goods employment. Apparel and other textile products employment was higher as a result of increases in several segments of this industry.

Louisiana's employment in nonmanufacturing industries during October was 1,352,400, up 1,500 from the September level. Mining employment was up due to an increase in the exploration for oil and gas. A decrease of activity for certain special trade contractors accounted in large part for the decrease in construction payrolls. Trade employment was up, mainly due to increased hiring at department stores and food stores. Less activity in banking was most significant in the employment decline in finance, insurance and real estate. Government employment rose primarily as a result of an increase in local education employment.

Average weekly earnings of Louisiana's 121,700 production workers in manufacturing decreased from \$446.05 in September to \$439.32, a decrease of \$6.73, and a decrease of \$1.08 from October of last year. Average hourly earnings were six cents lower in October than last month and four cents lower than October of last year. Weekly hours averaged 42.0 for the current month, a decrease of 0.4 hours from last month's average of 42.4 hours.

Total unemployment for Louisiana stood at 256,200 in October, an increase of 3,700 from the September revised level of 252,500. The unemployment rate for October was 12.9 percent compared to 12.6 percent for last month and 11.3 percent for October 1985. The comparable national unemployment rate for October was 6.6 percent, compared to 6.8 percent in September and 6.8 percent for October of last year. The state's civilian labor force moved from 1,998,500 in September to 1,989,600 in October, a decrease of 8,900. Total employment for Louisiana went from 1,746,000 in September to 1,733,400 in October, a drop of 12,600.

Louisiana's unemployment rate will probably show a decline in the upcoming months due to hiring for the holiday season.

1/ Rapides Parish only. 2/ Includes Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge parishes. 3/ Includes LaFourche and Terrebonne parishes. 4/ Includes Lafayette and St. Martin parishes. 5/ Calcasieu Parish only. 6/ Ouachita Parish only. 7/ Includes Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany, St. Charles and St. John the Baptist parishes. 8/ Includes Bossier and Caddo parishes.

LOUISIANA
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	October 1986*	Sept. 1986**	October 1985**	Net Change from	
				Sept. 1986	October 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	1,520.3	1,517.8	1,609.0	+ 2.5	-88.7
MINING	58.2	57.8	80.4	+ 0.4	-22.2
Oil and Gas Extraction	54.7	54.2	77.2	+ 0.5	-22.5
Nonmetallic Minerals	3.5	3.6	3.2	- 0.1	+ 0.3
CONSTRUCTION	92.2	93.4	108.2	- 1.2	-16.0
MANUFACTURING	167.9	166.9	176.7	+ 1.0	- 8.8
Durable Goods	71.9	72.7	79.2	- 0.8	- 7.3
Lumber and Wood Products	13.0	13.1	12.8	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Furniture and Fixtures	0.6	0.5	0.7	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	6.2	6.4	6.8	- 0.2	- 0.6
Primary Metal Industries	3.1	3.1	3.4	0	- 0.3
Fabricated Metal Products	11.9	12.2	13.8	- 0.3	- 1.9
Machinery, Except Electrical	8.1	8.0	9.8	+ 0.1	- 1.7
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	7.6	7.4	9.0	+ 0.2	- 1.4
Transportation Equipment	19.1	19.8	20.2	- 0.7	- 1.1
Other Durable Goods (1)	2.3	2.2	2.7	+ 0.1	- 0.4
Nondurable Goods	96.0	94.2	97.5	+ 1.8	- 1.5
Food & Kindred Products	23.7	22.2	22.7	+ 1.5	+ 1.0
Apparel & Other Textile Products	8.5	8.1	9.0	+ 0.4	- 0.5
Paper & Allied Products	11.2	11.2	11.3	0	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	10.2	10.2	10.4	0	- 0.2
Chemicals & Allied Products	25.9	26.0	28.0	- 0.1	- 2.1
Petroleum and Coal Products	12.1	12.1	12.3	0	- 0.2
Petroleum Refining	11.5	11.5	11.6	0	- 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods (2)	4.4	4.4	3.8	0	+ 0.6
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	103.6	103.8	115.4	- 0.2	-11.8
Railroad Transportation	5.6	5.6	6.1	0	- 0.5
Transportation, ex. Railroads	58.2	58.3	67.7	- 0.1	- 9.5
Water Transportation	26.1	26.0	30.4	+ 0.1	- 4.3
Communication & Electric, Gas & Sanitary Ser.	39.8	39.9	41.6	- 0.1	- 1.8
Communication, Exc. U S Postal Service	18.6	18.7	19.8	- 0.1	- 1.2
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	21.2	21.2	21.8	0	- 0.6
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	376.9	375.2	389.9	+ 1.7	-13.0
Wholesale Trade	83.6	83.9	91.6	- 0.3	- 8.0
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	45.9	46.2	52.6	- 0.3	- 6.7
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	37.7	37.7	39.0	0	- 1.3
Retail Trade	293.3	291.3	298.3	+ 2.0	- 5.0
Gen. Merchandise, Apparel & Acc.	60.4	59.3	61.5	+ 1.1	- 1.1
Food Stores	59.5	58.2	57.2	+ 1.3	+ 2.3
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	31.3	31.7	32.9	- 0.4	- 1.6
Eating & Drinking Places	89.4	89.2	90.5	+ 0.2	- 1.1
Other Retail Trade	52.7	52.9	56.2	- 0.2	- 3.5

LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	October 1986*	Sept. 1986**	October 1985**	Net Change from Sept. 1986 October 1985	
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	83.9	84.6	85.7	- 0.7	- 1.8
Banking	27.0	27.2	27.7	- 0.1	- 0.7
SERVICES	317.4	316.8	323.5	+ 0.6	- 6.1
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	21.8	21.6	24.8	+ 0.2	- 3.0
Personal Services	15.8	16.0	15.0	- 0.2	+ 0.8
Business Services	52.5	51.4	59.7	+ 0.6	- 6.7
Auto Repair, Services & Garages	10.6	10.6	10.5	0	+ 0.1
Miscellaneous Repair Services	6.7	6.7	7.5	0	- 0.8
Amusement & Recreation Services	9.3	9.6	9.7	- 0.3	- 0.4
Health Services	93.0	93.2	91.4	- 0.2	+ 1.6
Legal Services	13.8	13.7	13.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Educational Services	27.4	27.3	25.6	+ 0.1	+ 1.8
Social Services	18.4	18.1	17.9	+ 0.3	+ 0.5
Membership Organizations	25.4	23.4	24.8	0	+ 0.6
Miscellaneous Services	16.8	16.6	17.7	+ 0.2	- 0.4
GOVERNMENT	320.2	319.3	329.2	+ 0.9	- 9.0
Federal	35.0	35.0	35.7	0	- 0.7
State and Local	285.2	284.3	293.5	+ 0.9	- 8.3
State	104.0	104.3	108.2	- 0.3	- 4.2
Local	181.2	180.0	185.3	+ 1.2	- 4.1

* Preliminary

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- (1) Includes Professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries
(2) Includes Leather, Rubber and Textile products.

All estimates of Nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication are prepared in cooperation with U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, and include all full time and part time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

MANUFACTURING AND MINING, BY MONTHLY WORKERS, AND MINING, BY MONTHLY WORKERS, BY MONTHLY WORKERS

	Monthly Earnings		Monthly Earnings		Monthly Earnings		Monthly Earnings		Monthly Earnings	
	Number of Men	Supp. % Gross	Number of Men	Supp. % Gross	Number of Men	Supp. % Gross	Number of Men	Supp. % Gross	Number of Men	Supp. % Gross
ALL MANUFACTURING (1)	56,99,72	56,00,00	56,00,00	56,00,00	56,00,00	56,00,00	56,00,00	56,00,00	56,00,00	56,00,00
Durable Goods	380,55	380,55	380,55	380,55	380,55	380,55	380,55	380,55	380,55	380,55
Leather & Wood Products	312,72	312,72	312,72	312,72	312,72	312,72	312,72	312,72	312,72	312,72
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdt.	389,67	389,67	389,67	389,67	389,67	389,67	389,67	389,67	389,67	389,67
Fabricated Metal Products	358,62	358,62	358,62	358,62	358,62	358,62	358,62	358,62	358,62	358,62
Machinery, ex. Electrical	351,59	351,59	351,59	351,59	351,59	351,59	351,59	351,59	351,59	351,59
Electric & Electronic Equip.	528,15	528,15	528,15	528,15	528,15	528,15	528,15	528,15	528,15	528,15
Transportation Equipment	415,11	415,11	415,11	415,11	415,11	415,11	415,11	415,11	415,11	415,11
Non-durable Goods	489,88	489,88	489,88	489,88	489,88	489,88	489,88	489,88	489,88	489,88
Food & Kindred Products	342,60	342,60	342,60	342,60	342,60	342,60	342,60	342,60	342,60	342,60
Apparel & Other Textile Pdt.	206,12	206,12	206,12	206,12	206,12	206,12	206,12	206,12	206,12	206,12
Paper & Allied Products	604,66	604,66	604,66	604,66	604,66	604,66	604,66	604,66	604,66	604,66
Printing & Publishing	392,58	392,58	392,58	392,58	392,58	392,58	392,58	392,58	392,58	392,58
Chemicals & Allied Pdt.	665,87	665,87	665,87	665,87	665,87	665,87	665,87	665,87	665,87	665,87
Petroleum & Coal Products	697,90	697,90	697,90	697,90	697,90	697,90	697,90	697,90	697,90	697,90
Petroleum Refining	714,42	714,42	714,42	714,42	714,42	714,42	714,42	714,42	714,42	714,42
MINING	539,60	539,60	539,60	539,60	539,60	539,60	539,60	539,60	539,60	539,60
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	521,80	521,80	521,80	521,80	521,80	521,80	521,80	521,80	521,80	521,80
RANKING	261,75	261,75	261,75	261,75	261,75	261,75	261,75	261,75	261,75	261,75

(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 121,700 full and part-time workers in manufacturing and 85,600 non-supervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a cross-basis and reflect over-time, late shift work and incentive rates.

LOUISIANA EMPLOYMENT SITUATION BY LABOR MARKET AREA

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	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP.	RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP.	RATE
LOUISIANA TOTAL	25,990	21,080	4,750	18.3	26,000	21,625	4,675	18.4
Jefferson Parish	10,325	8,425	1,900	18.0	10,100	8,525	1,475	14.6
Warrington (S. LAKEVIEW)	8,815	8,725	2,100	23.9	8,700	8,800	1,900	21.9
Warrington (Warrington)	17,950	14,050	3,100	17.3	18,200	15,175	3,025	16.7
Warrington (Warrington)	11,875	17,075	1,800	13.0	14,000	12,275	1,725	12.4
Warrington (Warrington)	8,975	8,075	925	13.2	7,050	6,175	875	13.2
Warrington (Warrington)	4,975	4,175	850	16.9	5,050	4,175	875	17.4
Warrington (Warrington)	5,725	4,750	525	10.1	3,300	4,775	525	10.0
Warrington (Warrington)	5,000	4,150	1,050	20.3	5,150	4,300	1,050	19.7
Warrington (Warrington)	8,050	7,000	850	10.6	8,175	7,325	850	10.5
Warrington (Warrington)	10,950	9,950	1,000	17.3	11,150	9,775	1,875	16.8
Warrington (Warrington)	14,900	12,750	2,050	13.8	14,900	12,900	2,000	13.5
Warrington (Warrington)	5,700	4,045	875	14.2	4,875	4,125	750	15.6
Warrington (Warrington)	8,950	7,825	1,075	12.0	8,950	7,825	1,075	12.1
Warrington (Warrington)	15,525	12,375	2,750	18.2	15,150	12,425	2,725	17.9
Warrington (Warrington)	9,275	7,750	1,525	16.3	9,175	7,925	1,425	15.2
Warrington (Warrington)	7,425	6,450	875	13.1	7,400	6,475	925	12.4
Warrington (Warrington)	22,150	25,875	8,275	19.5	22,075	26,000	6,075	19.0
Warrington (Warrington)	22,500	10,450	2,050	18.4	22,000	10,600	2,100	18.6
Warrington (Warrington)	7,275	8,300	725	10.2	7,425	8,750	875	9.1
Warrington (Warrington)	11,100	11,825	2,475	17.5	11,375	11,875	2,500	17.5
Warrington (Warrington)	7,825	8,550	1,075	14.2	7,700	8,650	1,050	13.6
Warrington (Warrington)	18,800	17,450	1,150	6.1	19,000	17,850	1,175	6.2
Warrington (Warrington)	6,250	5,350	900	14.3	6,325	5,450	875	13.9
Warrington (Warrington)	12,950	11,125	1,825	14.1	13,225	11,425	1,800	13.6
Warrington (Warrington)	18,150	16,100	2,000	13.0	18,225	16,750	1,975	10.8
Warrington (Warrington)	10,300	8,875	1,225	11.9	10,475	9,100	1,175	13.1
Warrington (Warrington)	8,700	7,125	1,375	18.1	8,875	7,150	1,525	17.6
Warrington (Warrington)	4,500	4,025	475	10.8	4,600	4,075	525	11.2
Warrington (Warrington)	9,400	8,050	1,350	14.4	9,450	8,200	1,250	13.3
Warrington (Warrington)	10,325	8,925	1,400	13.4	10,325	9,075	1,450	13.8
Warrington (Warrington)	3,475	2,950	525	15.3	3,600	3,125	525	14.6
Warrington (Warrington)	8,425	7,125	1,350	15.9	8,675	7,300	1,375	15.8
Warrington (Warrington)	38,000	30,725	7,475	19.7	38,650	31,025	7,425	19.3
Warrington (Warrington)	32,400	24,775	7,625	23.6	32,600	25,500	7,100	21.8
Warrington (Warrington)	40,725	34,875	5,850	14.4	40,775	35,125	5,650	13.9
Warrington (Warrington)	3,750	3,400	350	9.4	3,850	3,500	350	9.3
Warrington (Warrington)	8,525	7,475	1,050	12.3	8,650	7,650	1,000	11.5
Warrington (Warrington)	22,900	18,700	4,600	20.1	23,525	18,850	4,675	19.9
Warrington (Warrington)	19,225	17,550	1,675	8.7	19,750	17,600	1,650	8.6
Warrington (Warrington)	19,300	18,800	2,900	13.0	19,750	18,875	2,475	12.8
Warrington (Warrington)	20,375	17,400	2,950	14.5	20,425	17,550	2,875	14.1
Warrington (Warrington)	3,825	8,375	1,050	19.3	3,425	4,400	1,025	19.0
Warrington (Warrington)	4,375	3,850	525	12.2	4,425	3,850	575	12.8
Warrington (Warrington)	5,825	5,150	675	11.6	5,825	5,175	650	11.3

NOTE: LABOR MARKET AREAS ARE DESIGNATED BY NAME OF PRINCIPAL TOWN, BUT INCLUDE ALL OF PARISH IN PARENTHESES.

ADDITIONAL DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25 EXCEPT 1985 AND STATEWIDE WHICH ARE ROUNDED TO NEAREST 100. UNEMPLOYED MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING. RATES COMPUTED FROM UNBOUNDED DATA.

ALEXANDRIA AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	October 1986*	Sept. 1986**	October 1985**	Net Change From	
				Sept. 1986	October 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	44.9	45.0	45.3	- 0.1	- 0.4
MANUFACTURING	3.4	3.5	3.5	- 0.1	- 0.1
Durable Goods	2.2	2.3	2.3	- 0.1	- 0.1
Lumber & Wood Products	0.6	0.7	0.6	- 0.1	0
Other Durable Goods	1.6	1.6	1.7	0	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Food & Kindred Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
MINING	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2.8	2.8	3.0	0	- 0.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.2	2.2	2.3	0	- 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	10.9	11.1	10.9	- 0.2	0
Wholesale Trade	2.1	2.1	2.2	0	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	0.9	0.9	1.0	0	- 0.1
Retail Trade	8.8	9.0	8.7	- 0.2	+ 0.1
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.1	2.1	1.8	0	+ 0.3
Auto Dirs. & Svc. Sta.	1.1	1.1	1.1	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	2.3	2.4	2.4	- 0.1	- 0.1
Other Retail Trade	3.3	3.4	3.4	- 0.1	- 0.1
FINANCE, INS., & REAL ESTATE	2.5	2.5	2.5	0	0
SERVICES	10.2	10.2	9.9	0	+ 0.3
Health Services	4.1	4.1	4.1	0	0
GOVERNMENT	12.7	12.5	13.0	+ 0.2	- 0.3
Federal	2.6	2.6	2.6	0	0
State and Local	10.1	9.9	10.4	+ 0.2	- 0.3
State	5.1	5.1	5.4	0	- 0.3
Local	5.0	4.8	5.0	+ 0.2	0

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria labor market area was estimated at 44,900 during October. This estimate was 100 less than September and 400 less than October of last year.

Estimated employment in manufacturing during October totaled 3,400. This was 100 less than the previous month and 100 less than October of last year. Since last month there was a reduction in employment in lumber and wood products. Since last year there was a loss in other durable goods.

Employment in nonmanufacturing was estimated at 41,500 during October. This was unchanged since the previous month and a decrease of 300 since last October. Since September the total was unchanged as we experienced offsetting gains and losses in retail trade and local government. Since last year we have experienced reductions in construction, transportation, and state government, with increases coming in retail trade and services.

During the next thirty days the number of unemployed should increase, with the total number of employed changing very little.

BATON ROUGE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	October 1986*	Sept. 1986**	October 1985**	Net Change From Sept. 1986	October 1985
TOTAL NON-AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	213.6	213.9	216.5	- 0.3	- 2.9
MANUFACTURING	19.9	20.0	20.4	- 0.1	- 0.5
Durable Goods	4.3	4.3	4.2	0	+ 0.1
Lumber and Wood Products	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	0.9	0.9	0.9	0	0
Fabricated Metal Products	0.9	0.9	0.9	0	0
Other Durable Goods	1.9	1.9	1.8	0	+ 0.1
Non-durable Goods	15.6	15.7	16.2	- 0.1	- 0.6
Food & Kindred Products	1.9	1.9	1.9	0	0
Textiles & Publishing	1.6	1.6	1.8	0	- 0.2
Chemicals and Petroleum Products	11.2	11.3	11.7	- 0.1	- 0.5
Other Non-durable Goods	0.9	0.9	0.8	0	+ 0.1
MINING	1.3	1.3	1.2	0	+ 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	21.3	21.4	22.7	- 0.1	- 1.4
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	10.4	10.5	10.1	- 0.1	+ 0.3
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	50.9	50.5	51.3	+ 0.4	- 0.4
Wholesale Trade	10.6	10.6	11.0	0	- 0.4
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	7.2	7.2	7.7	0	- 0.5
Wholesale Trade-Non-durable Goods	3.4	3.4	3.3	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	40.3	39.9	40.3	+ 0.4	- 0.4
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	13.7	13.8	14.0	- 0.1	- 0.3
Banking	4.0	4.1	4.4	- 0.1	- 0.4
SERVICES	42.2	42.1	41.1	+ 0.1	+ 1.1
GOVERNMENT	53.9	54.3	55.7	- 0.4	- 1.8
Federal	2.2	2.2	2.1	0	+ 0.1
State and Local	51.7	52.1	53.6	- 0.4	- 1.9
State	31.0	31.2	32.6	- 0.2	- 1.6
Local	20.7	20.9	21.0	- 0.2	- 0.3

BATON ROUGE AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	October '86*	Sept. '86**	October '85**	October '86*	Sept. '86**	October '85**	October '86*	Sept. '86**	October '85**
11 MANUFACTURING (1)	\$514.74	\$530.67	\$547.43	42.4	42.9	43.9	\$12.14	\$12.37	\$12.47
Petro-Chemicals	303.89	726.97	704.96	47.4	48.4	47.6	14.85	15.02	14.81

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 12,100 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

BATON ROUGE AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

nonagricultural employment in the Baton Rouge LMA at 213,600 during October was down 300 from the September revised estimate. Manufacturing was down 100 and nonmanufacturing was down 200 during the current period.

Employment in manufacturing at 19,900 in October, was down 100 from the September revised estimate. Durable goods had no change in the current period. Nondurable goods were down due to less business in industrial organic chemicals.

Total manufacturing was down during the current period. Mining had no change. Construction was down due to less business in heavy construction, except highway and street construction. Transportation and public utilities were down due to students leaving their summer jobs to return to school in electric services, water supply, and in sanitary services. Wholesale and retail trade were up due to seasonal increases in miscellaneous general merchandise stores and more business in grocery stores and in motor vehicle dealers (new and used). Finance, insurance and real estate were down due to less business in commercial and stock savings banks. Services were up due to more business in personnel supply services and in legal services. Government was down due to budget reductions in state government and in local government.

Average weekly earnings of Baton Rouge LMA's 12,100 production workers in all manufacturing was \$514.74, down \$15.93 from the September revised average. Average weekly hours were down five tenths of an hour and average hourly earnings were down \$0.23 per hour. Less overtime worked at premium pay contributed to these changes.

Total employment of Baton Rouge LMA's residents was estimated at 234,800 during October, up 100 over the revised September estimate and up 1,800 over October of last year. Unemployment at 27,100 during October was up 500 over the September revised estimate. The October unemployment rate at 10.3 percent was up from last month's revised 10.2 percent. The statewide unemployment rate for October was 12.9 percent and the national rate was 6.6 percent. The Baton Rouge LMA civilian labor force totaled 261,900 during the current period.

Baton Rouge LMA's unemployment rate expected to continue its seasonal drop during the coming month.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 2,570 individuals with new or renewal applications, and placed 321 applicants in jobs during October.

The consumer price index for September, 1986 for all urban consumers was 330.2 and for all urban wage and clerical workers 324.9 using base period 1967=100.

HOLMA - THIBODAUX AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	October 1986*	Sept. 1986**	October 1985**	Net Change From	
				Sept. 1986	October 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	53.0	53.0	61.0	+ 0.2	- 8.8
MANUFACTURING	4.2	4.1	4.2	+ 0.1	- 1.0
Durable Goods	2.6	2.5	4.2	+ 0.1	- 0.6
Non-durable Goods	1.6	1.6	2.0	0	- 0.4
MINING	6.4	6.3	7.9	+ 0.1	- 1.5
CONSTRUCTION	2.0	2.0	2.7	0	- 0.7
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	5.8	5.7	7.8	+ 0.1	- 2.0
Water Transportation	4.0	3.9	5.2	+ 0.1	- 1.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	13.2	13.3	15.3	- 0.1	- 2.1
Wholesale Trade	3.1	3.1	3.5	0	- 0.4
Retail Trade	10.1	10.2	11.8	- 0.1	- 1.7
Eating & Drinking Places	3.0	3.0	3.5	0	- 0.5
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.6	2.6	2.6	0	0
SERVICES	7.9	8.1	9.5	- 0.2	- 1.2
GOVERNMENT	11.1	10.9	11.4	+ 0.2	- 0.3
Federal	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
State and Local	10.6	10.4	10.9	+ 0.2	- 0.3
State	3.3	3.2	3.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Local	7.3	7.2	7.8	+ 0.1	- 0.5

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma-Thibodaux LMA in October pushed up to 53,200, a level 200 above September. The increases were small and scattered. Since October of 1985, total employment lost 8,800 workers, showing a reduction of 14.2 percent. Every industry division except finance, insurance, and real estate decreased. Although small gains have been shown in the past few months, total nonagricultural employment remains lower than in any month between March 1977 and August 1986.

Manufacturing employment totaled 4,200 in October, up 100 from the previous month. Durable goods increased 100 with an upturn in business in the transportation equipment segment. Non-durable goods were unchanged over the previous month. Compared to one year ago, manufacturing employment is down 1,000.

State and local government each showed an increase in employment by educational services as the autumn school term moved further along. Mining displayed a small upturn as the oil and gas industry pushed to take advantage of the remaining good weather before winter. Water transportation edged up. Less favorably, retail trade tapered off, mostly in food stores and eating and drinking places. Services effected layoffs in private health services. Construction held steady. Finance, insurance, and real estate exhibited no significant change.

HOUMA - THIBODAUX AREA - CONTINUED

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Estimated unemployment in October increased to 14,300, a level 200 above September. The overall downtrend in employment in the past several months was mostly responsible. Joblessness presently comprises 18.8 percent of the labor force compared to 18.5 percent in September and 11.3 percent in October of last year. The October rate was much higher than the state rate of 12.9 percent and very much higher than the comparable national rate of 6.6 percent. Recipients of regular unemployment insurance benefits numbered 4,149.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months is predicted to show a small overall seasonal increase. Retail trade will benefit from shopping for the holiday season. Less favorably, mining and construction will adversely affected by winter weather conditions. Unemployment will probably decrease slightly as employment increases.

LAKE CHARLES AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	October 1986*	Sept. 1986**	October 1985**	Net Change From	
				Sept. 1986	October 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	55.6	55.4	59.0	+ 0.2	- 3.4
MANUFACTURING	8.5	8.5	9.1	0	- 0.6
Durable Goods	0.7	0.7	0.8	0	- 0.1
Lumber & Wood Products	0.1	0.1	0.1	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	0.1	0.1	0.2	0	- 0.1
Other Durable Goods	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Nondurable Goods	7.8	7.8	8.3	0	- 0.5
Food & Kindred Products	0.3	0.3	0.4	0	- 0.1
Chemical & Pet. Products	7.0	7.0	7.4	0	- 0.4
Other Nondurable Goods	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
MINING	1.6	1.7	2.1	- 0.1	- 0.5
CONSTRUCTION	3.7	3.1	3.7	+ 0.6	0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	4.2	4.2	4.2	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.0	14.1	14.8	- 0.1	- 0.8
Wholesale Trade	2.8	2.8	3.1	0	- 0.3
Retail Trade	11.2	11.3	11.7	- 0.1	- 0.5
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.2	2.3	2.3	- 0.1	- 0.1
Auto Dirs. & Serv. Sta.	1.3	1.3	1.4	0	- 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	3.7	3.7	3.6	0	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.6	2.6	2.7	0	- 0.1
Banking	1.0	1.0	1.1	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	9.9	10.0	11.4	- 0.1	- 1.5
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.5	0.6	0.7	- 0.1	- 0.2
Personal Services	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
GOVERNMENT	11.1	11.2	11.0	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Federal	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
State and Local	10.4	10.5	10.3	- 0.1	+ 0.1
State	3.8	3.8	3.8	0	0
Local	6.6	6.7	6.5	- 0.1	+ 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lake Charles area for October 1986 was estimated at 55,600, a decrease of 200 from September's level and 3,400 from October a year ago.

Manufacturing showed no change from the previous month and 600 less than October of 1985.

Nonmanufacturing reflected a 200 increase from the previous month but 2,800 less than the comparable period a year ago.

The remainder of the industries reflected minute changes, with the exception of construction, which had a 600 increase from the previous month. This was due to hiring of construction workers at a new facility locating in Lake Charles.

During the next 30 days, trade may begin climbing as area merchants prepare for the Christmas season.

MONROE AREA
Agricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(in Thousands by Industry)

	Sept. 1987 (Est.)	Sept. 1988**	October 1988**	Net Change From	
				Sept. 1988	October 1988
TOTAL AGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT	54.8	55.4	55.1	+ 0.6	- 0.3
MANUFACTURING	1.1	1.1	1.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Food and kindred products	0.9	0.9	0.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Textile mill and apparel	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Chemical and allied products	0.1	0.1	0.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Other manufacturing	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0
Construction	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Transportation and communication	0.1	0.1	0.1	0	0
Wholesale and retail trade	0.1	0.1	0.1	0	0
Services	0.1	0.1	0.1	0	0
Government	0.1	0.1	0.1	0	0
Unemployed	0.1	0.1	0.1	0	0
Other	0.1	0.1	0.1	0	0
Nonmanufacturing	53.7	54.3	54.0	+ 0.6	- 0.3
Food and kindred products	41.2	41.8	41.5	+ 0.6	- 0.3
Textile mill and apparel	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Chemical and allied products	0.1	0.1	0.1	0	0
Other manufacturing	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0
Construction	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Transportation and communication	0.1	0.1	0.1	0	0
Wholesale and retail trade	0.1	0.1	0.1	0	0
Services	0.1	0.1	0.1	0	0
Government	0.1	0.1	0.1	0	0
Unemployed	0.1	0.1	0.1	0	0
Other	0.1	0.1	0.1	0	0

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Monroe Area agricultural wage and salary employment, estimated at 54,800 during October, was 600 below the September estimate of 55,400.

Estimated employment in manufacturing during October was 1,800. This was an increase of 100 from September and 400 from October a year ago. The monthly increase was in durable goods.

Nonmanufacturing, estimated at 53,000 during October, was 700 below the September estimate. Construction was down by 100 as some projects begin to wind down before adverse winter weather arrives. Wholesale and retail trade, health care, and the closing or preparation for the closing of several local establishments. Services was the only nonmanufacturing segment to experience a gain, 200 workers.

During the next 90 days, employment is expected to remain relatively stable, as several retail store closings should be offset to a large degree by hiring in other retail stores in preparation for the holiday season. Unemployment is expected to rise over this same period.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	October 1986*	Sept. 1986**	October 1985**	Net Change From	
				Sept. 1986	October 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	511.2	511.1	533.8	+ 0.1	-22.6
MANUFACTURING	42.8	42.9	44.9	- 0.1	- 2.1
Durable Goods	20.8	21.0	22.3	- 0.2	- 1.5
Lumber and Wood Products	0.4	0.4	0.3	0	- 0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.8	1.8	1.7	0	+ 0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	2.4	2.4	3.3	0	- 0.9
Machinery	2.7	2.6	2.9	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Transportation Equipment	11.7	12.0	12.2	- 0.3	- 0.5
Ship and Boatbuilding & Repairing	7.9	7.9	7.6	0	+ 0.3
Other Durable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.7	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	22.0	21.9	22.6	+ 0.1	- 0.6
Food & Kindred Products	6.6	6.5	6.6	+ 0.1	0
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.6	1.6	1.9	0	- 0.3
Paper & Allied Products	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
Printing & Publishing	3.6	3.6	3.7	0	- 0.1
Chemicals and Allied Products	4.1	4.1	4.4	0	- 0.3
Petroleum & Coal Products	4.6	4.6	4.3	0	+ 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
MINING	16.4	16.3	19.0	+ 0.1	- 2.6
Oil & Gas Extraction	15.8	15.7	18.5	+ 0.1	- 2.7
CONSTRUCTION	24.0	24.2	28.2	- 0.2	- 4.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	43.0	43.1	45.9	- 0.1	- 2.9
Railroad Transportation	1.8	1.8	2.0	0	- 0.2
Water Transportation	13.1	13.0	14.0	+ 0.1	- 0.9
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	137.6	136.9	142.3	+ 0.7	- 4.7
Wholesale Trade	32.3	32.5	35.4	- 0.2	- 3.1
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	18.7	18.9	21.0	- 0.2	- 2.3
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	13.6	13.6	14.4	0	- 0.8
Retail Trade	105.3	104.4	106.9	+ 0.9	- 1.6
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	32.6	32.9	33.1	- 0.3	- 0.5
Banking	7.8	7.7	7.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
SERVICES	130.4	130.2	132.9	+ 0.2	- 2.5
GOVERNMENT	84.4	84.6	87.5	- 0.2	- 3.1
Federal	15.4	15.4	15.4	0	0
State and Local	69.0	69.2	72.1	- 0.2	- 3.1
State	21.2	21.3	22.2	- 0.1	- 1.0
Local	47.8	47.9	49.9	- 0.1	- 2.1

NEW ORLEANS AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	October '86*	Sept. '86**	October '85**	October '86*	Sept. '86**	October '85**	October '86*	Sept. '86**	October '85**
ALL MANUFACTURING	\$414.96	\$427.60	\$439.30	39.9	40.0	41.6	\$10.40	\$10.69	\$10.56
Durable Goods	360.99	380.44	410.33	37.8	38.9	41.7	9.55	9.78	9.84
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdt.	324.14	339.15	391.04	31.5	32.3	39.3	10.29	10.50	9.95
Fabricated Metal Products	346.30	351.00	447.92	36.3	37.5	48.9	9.54	9.36	9.16
Ship & Boatbuilding and Repairing	388.87	399.35	410.82	39.6	39.5	39.2	9.82	10.11	10.48
Nondurable Goods	465.65	473.47	468.23	41.8	41.1	41.4	11.14	11.52	11.31
Food & Kindred Products	326.83	339.70	320.92	40.3	39.5	37.8	8.11	8.60	8.49
Apparel & Other Textile Pdt.	137.26	119.43	148.77	25.8	23.1	28.5	5.32	5.17	5.22
Paper & Allied Products	355.01	416.72	379.24	40.9	46.2	44.2	8.68	9.02	8.58
Printing & Publishing	386.75	407.06	403.48	41.1	41.2	44.0	9.41	9.88	9.17
Chemicals & Allied Pdt.	679.60	697.70	683.72	46.2	45.1	43.8	14.71	15.47	15.61

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 29,100 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

NEW ORLEANS AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the New Orleans LMA in October edged up to 511,200, showing a slight overall gain of 100 since September, but a loss of 22,600 since October of last year. Over the month, the largest increases were in retail trade and services. Although nonagricultural employment has shown some gain in the past few months, it still remains below the level of any month between February 1979 and July 1986.

Manufacturing employment totaled 42,800 in October, down 100 from the previous month. Durable goods decreased 300 due to a layoff at a local plant in the transportation segment, and machinery went up 100 due to an increase in business. Nondurable goods went up 100 because of a seasonal increase in seafood processing, but all the other segments were unchanged over the month. Compared to one year ago, manufacturing employment was down 1,500 employees.

Retail trade was highlighted by the openings of a large food store and a large general merchandise store. Services were boosted by a seasonal gain in the hotel-motel industry and hires by private health services. Mining eked out a small increase as the oil and gas industry pushed to take advantage of the remaining good weather before winter. Less favorably, wholesale trade lost workers in durable goods. Real estate exhibited a decrease that was partly seasonal in nature. Insurance made downward employment adjustments. Public utilities eased down. Construction sustained its long range downtrend. State and local governments tapered off, hurt by problems involving costs and funding.

Production workers in the area earned an average \$414.96 a week in October, down \$12.64 from last month's average. Average weekly hours decreased 6 minutes from the previous month and average hourly earnings decreased \$0.29. Compared to one year ago, weekly earnings are down \$24.34.

Estimated unemployment in October edged up to 65,000, showing a minor increase of 100 since September. The overall downtrend in employment in the past several months was mostly responsible. Joblessness presently comprises 10.9 percent of the labor force compared to 10.9 percent in September and 10.7 percent in October of last year. The difference over the year would have been greater if not for the reduction in the labor force partly resulting from the number of people leaving the area in search of work elsewhere. The October rate was somewhat lower than the state rate of 12.9 percent, but much higher than the comparable national rate of 6.6 percent. Recipients of regular unemployment insurance benefits totaled 16,994. About 42.0 percent of the claimants were nonwhite; approximately 35.0 percent were female.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months is expected to exhibit an overall seasonal increase. Retail trade will be favored by shopping for the holiday season and the opening of new stores. Services will benefit from the opening of the Fair Grounds racing season. Less favorably, construction and mining will be hampered by winter weather conditions. Unemployment is predicted to show some decrease as employment increases.

SHREVEPORT AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	October 1986*	Sept. 1986**	October 1985**	Net Change From	
				Sept. 1986	October 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	130.8	132.3	143.1	- 1.5	-12.3
MANUFACTURING	18.0	18.2	21.3	- 0.2	- 3.3
Durable Goods	13.3	13.4	16.3	- 0.1	- 3.0
Lumber and Wood Products	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
Metals and Machinery	7.7	7.8	10.2	- 0.1	- 2.5
Primary and Fabricated Metals	1.8	1.9	2.2	- 0.1	- 0.4
Machinery, Inc. Electrical	5.9	5.9	8.0	0	- 2.1
Other Durable Goods	4.8	4.8	5.3	0	- 0.5
Nondurable Good	4.7	4.8	5.0	- 0.1	- 0.3
Food & Kindred Products	0.9	0.9	1.0	0	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	1.3	1.4	1.4	- 0.1	- 0.1
Petroleum & Coal Products	0.8	0.8	0.9	0	- 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	1.7	1.7	1.7	0	0
MINING	2.7	3.0	5.0	- 0.3	- 2.3
CONSTRUCTION	7.3	8.0	8.5	- 0.7	- 1.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	7.7	7.7	8.6	0	- 0.9
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	30.4	30.7	33.7	- 0.3	- 3.3
Wholesale Trade	8.3	8.1	8.7	+ 0.2	- 0.4
Retail Trade	22.1	22.6	25.0	- 0.5	- 2.9
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	8.1	8.1	7.9	0	+ 0.2
SERVICES	30.3	30.1	31.8	+ 0.2	- 1.5
GOVERNMENT	26.3	26.5	26.3	- 0.2	0
Federal	4.5	4.5	4.4	0	+ 0.1
State and Local	21.8	22.0	21.9	- 0.2	- 0.1
State	8.2	8.4	7.3	- 0.2	+ 0.9
Local	13.6	13.6	14.6	0	- 1.0

SHREVEPORT AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	October '86*	Sept. '86**	October '85**	October '86*	Sept. '86**	October '85**	October '86*	Sept. '86**	October '85**
ALL MANUFACTURING	\$425.18	\$446.49	\$415.13	38.9	41.0	39.2	\$10.93	\$10.89	\$10.59
Lumber and Wood Products	205.43	212.77	263.11	32.3	35.7	42.3	6.36	5.96	6.22
Metals and Machinery	444.44	447.91	410.01	40.7	41.9	39.5	10.92	10.69	10.38
Food and Kindred Products	307.29	298.80	300.85	40.7	40.0	40.6	7.55	7.47	7.41
Printing and Publishing	304.55	281.51	284.20	31.3	30.8	34.2	9.73	9.14	8.31
Petroleum and Coal Products	526.80	538.65	535.86	43.9	43.9	45.8	12.00	12.27	11.70

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 13,000 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

SHREVEPORT AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment for the Shreveport LMA dropped to 130,800, down 1,500 from the revised September estimate of 132,300, and 12,300 less than one year ago. During the past month, manufacturing employment showed a decline of 200, while total nonmanufacturing employment declined 1,300.

Manufacturing employment, at 18,000, is down from 18,200 in September. The reduction is divided between durable and nondurable goods employment. The downturn in primary and fabricated metals production caused a slight decline from 1,900 to 1,800 while printing and publishing employment moved down from 1,400 to 1,300.

In total nonmanufacturing employment, there was a job loss of 1,300, from 114,100 in September to 112,800 in October. Employment dropped in all segments of nonmanufacturing except services employment, and it increased from 30,100 to 30,300. Mining employment continues to show the deterioration of oil and gas exploration and production activities with a 300 decline. Construction employment fell from 8,000 to 7,300, with heavy construction and special trade contractors sharing in this downturn. During the past month total trade declined from 30,700 to 30,400, and government employment moved down from 26,500 to 26,300.

The Shreveport LMA has 13,000 production workers in manufacturing. These production workers have average weekly earnings of \$425.18, down from \$446.49 the previous month and up from \$415.13 one year ago. The average weekly earnings dropped to 38.9, down from 41.0 last month and 39.2 in October, 1983. Average hourly earnings increased to \$10.93, slightly above \$10.89 last month and \$10.59 one year ago.

The current civilian labor force for this labor area is 163,900, including 144,800 employed and 19,100 unemployed. The unemployment rate for the Shreveport area is 11.6 percent, while the unemployment rate for the state is 12.9 percent.

This labor area will continue to have high unemployment. Adverse weather conditions will affect construction, logging and other wood products activities. Possible gains in retail trade are not expected to offset this employment decline. Total employment will likely show a slight decline from the present level.